



A birthday party in Aruba has become an annual event for Kurt Schmoelz and friends

“I love Aruba, it is my home away from home,” declared Kurt Schmoelz of Montreal, Canada. This was on Tuesday night, as he prepared to sit down and enjoy his 65th birthday party with his wife Norma and nearly twenty members of his “extended Aruba family.” Celebrating his birthday in Aruba has become an annual tradition since Kurt and Norma first came here fourteen years ago on a honeymoon. They stayed in what was then called “The Golden Tulip” Resort, but is better known now as the Radisson.

“We bought five weeks of timesharing at the La Cabana All Suites Resort, and it has been my pleasure to have the dear friends that I have met and gotten to know from their beach join me to celebrate my birthday each year,” proclaimed Kurt. For the third year in a row, he held the party at what has now become one of their favorite restaurants on the island, Bella Luna, in Palm Beach.

Under the ministrations of Bella Luna Major Domo Rocky Geerman, Kurt and Norma, along with their dear friends received “The Royal Treatment” with a table specially decorated for the occasion, and what Kurt describes as “the usual wonderful service.”

A consultant to the Aerospace industry, Kurt and his wife had been wintering in Aruba during the month of January for a dozen years when they discovered New Year’s Eve in Aruba two years ago. They were very determined to make that an annual tradition and this year were finally successful in obtaining an additional week at La Cabana, a dream they have had since the first time they saw the night sky of Aruba light up with fireworks to welcome the New Year. “Yes, now we can add celebrating New Year’s with our good friends that we have made on the island to my birthday celebration as an annual ritual” says Kurt with a smile, “we cannot think of a better place to be or with better people than here in Aruba for these special occasions.” The News staff extends their congratulations to Kurt, and may you enjoy many more birthdays on Aruba! We also all look forward to welcoming the New Year with you and Norma from now on!